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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT OF EARLY DELIVERY OF BLU-27 FIRE
CONCUSSION BOMBS

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1. REFTEL REPORTS UPI STORY CARRIED BY LOCAL ENGLISH
LANGUAGE PRESS, DATELINED TEL AVIV, RE OFFICIAL ISRAELI
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT F-15 DELIVERIES HAVE BEGUN. ACCORDING
UPI REPORT, DELIVERIES WILL INCLUDE BLU-27 FIRE CONCUSSION
BOMBS.

2. WHILE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT F-15 DELIVERIES WILL MAKE
THE EGYPTIANS UNHAPPY, THE INCLUSION OF BLU-27 FIRE
CONCUSSION BOMBS AT THIS TIME WILL BE A SOURCE OF
ESPECIAL CONCERN. DURING MY LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON,
YOU INSTRUCTED ME TO INFORM SADAT AND FAHMY THAT THESE
BOMBS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS
AND I DID SO. IF IT IS TRUE THAT THEY ARE NOW TO BE
DELIVERED, WE RUN THE RISK OF BEING ACCUSED BY THE
EGYPTIANS OF HAVING DELIBERATELY SOUGHT TO DECEIVE
THEM UNLESS WE CAN GIVE SOME EXPLANATION. ANY
CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT WILL BE HELPFUL.
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